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SUBJECT: EMBASSY RECONSTRUCTION, PROPERTY NO. L01001, PROGRESS
REPORT, PROJECTION OF NEEDS AND GUIDANCE TO PROCEED

SUMMARY -

FBO PROJECT SUPERVISOR REPORTS PROGRESS ACCOMPLISHED GOALS TO
BE ACHIEVED AND REQUESTS FURTHER GUIDANCE CONCERNING RECON-
STRUCTION OF FIRE DAMAGED PORTIONS OF THE EMBASSY.

1. PROGRESS REPORT

A. SEVERAL VERY HELPFUL DEVELOPMENTS OCCURRED HERE THIS WEEK
WHICH REFLECT EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT OF MANY IN DEPARTMENT, IE.
ARRIVAL OF SECOND MAJOR SHIPMENT OF CONTRUCTION MATERIALS IN
ANTWERP WITH GOOD PROCEDURAL COOPERATION ESTABLISHED WITH ELSON
TO CONTROL TIMELY FORWARDING OF MATERIAL, RECEIPT OF COMPRE-
HENSIVE MEMORANDUM FROM A/FBO PROVIDING LOGISTICAL SPECIFICS
ESSENTIAL FOR OUR CONTROL OF MATERIALS TO BE FORWARDED FROM
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ELSON WITHOUT OVERBURDENING OUR MEAGER LOGISTICAL RESOURCES.
B. FINAL PAINTING OF C&R AREA COMPLETED. SUSPENDED CEILING
LIGHTING AND FINISHED FLOOR WORK COMMENCES JAN 23. MECHANICAL
AND ELECTRICAL WORK IS IN STEP. TIMING FOR ARRIVAL OF OC TECH-
NICAL TEAM DURING WEEK OF JAN. 23 LOOKS GOOD. WE HOPE TO HAVE
CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER TO THERE BY THEN.
C. AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE FINAL PAINTING ALMOST DONE. CELING AND

LIGHTING WORK BEGINS NEXT WEEK. WE THEN WILL MOVE ON TO DCM'S OFFICE FOLLOWED BY THEIR RECEPTION-SECRETARIAL ROOM. AT PRESENT RATE WE SHOULD BE DONE IN THOSE ROOMS BY EARLY MARCH. THEN BEGINS 9TH FLOOR LOBBY-MARINE GUARD AREA. STILL DESIGNING ON THAT. \$. CONTRACTOR VORLAUFER'S WORK FORCE FOR EIGHTH FLOOR WORK IS IN PLACE WITH WINDOW REPLACEMENT 50 PERCENT DONE. HEAVY WORK, BUT GOOD WORKMEN.

E. CONTRACTOR WESTCOTT'S PLUMBERS ARE IN PLACE FOR APARTMENT WORK AND CONCURRENT TOILET RESTORATIONS IN CHANCERY. AM PROCURING SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS FROM HERE WITHIN PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AUTHORITY.

F. REGRET NOT YET ABLE TO COMMENCE ROUTINE REPORTING PROCEDURES DUE TO FAST-TRACK DEMANDS, BUT HOPE ABOVE BRIEFLY CONVEYS CURRENT WORK STATUS.

2. PROJECTION OF NEEDS -

FOR THE TIME BEING WE APPEAR TO BE OUT OF LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES ON BASIC MATERIALS. HOWEVER, INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES OF MATERIAL SHORTAGES WILL OCCUR. WE WILL DO BEST TO MINIMIZE AIR SHIPMENT COST, BUT SOME WILL BE UNAVOIDABLE WHEN WEST EUROPEAN SOURCES DO NOT MATCH OUR NEEDS IN TERMS OF TIME/COSTS TRADE-OFFS. WE RELY ON YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT WHEN THESE NEEDS DEVELOP, AS SEVERAL ALREADY HAVE WHICH WILL BE SUBJECTS SEPARATE MESSAGES. SUPERVISOR BASICALLY NEEDS A/FBO GUIDANCE ON FOLLOWING:

A. SEVENTH FLOOR (SEE TENTH FLOOR BELOW) - THE QUESTION IS HOW FAR WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THIS RESTORATION. INITIAL EVALUA-
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TIONS WERE MADE UNDER CRISIS CIRCUMSTANCES AND SHOULD BE RE-EVALUATED AND FINALIZED. DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE NOW IN ORDER TO ASSURE MATERIALS ON HAND WHEN WORK COMMENCES IN ABOUT SIXTY DAYS (VERY SOON) WHEN THOSE EMBASSY FUNCTIONS WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO THE NEW EIGHTH FLOOR WHILE WORK ON SEVENTH FLOOR IS UNDERTAKEN. RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW:

- (1) STRIP PANELLING (MANDATORY BY FIRE STANDARDS)
- (2) REFINISH WALLS BY COMBINATION OF PATCH/PAINT AND NEW GRYWALL TECHNICHS DEPENDING ON ROOM BY ROOM NEEDS.
- (3) REPLACE ORIGINAL ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION WIRING DUE TO FIRE AND SECURITY MANDATES.
- (4) REPLACE OLD WOOD DOORS WITH NEW STANDARD METAL DOORS WITH ADJACENT WALL MODIFICATIONS TO ACCOMODATE NEW DOOR FRAMES.
- (5) NO FLOOR PLAN CHANGES EXCEPT TO BASICALLY COMPLY WITH POST FIRE PLAN

NZE CONCEPT DEVELOPED BY FBO HAHN AND RSO TOLSON.

- (6) WALL REDOS AND NEW WIRING LEAVES OVERHEAD PROBLEM WHICH IS COMPOUNDED BY MANY OLD, COMBUSTIBLE PLYWOOD CEILING INNOVATIONS. NEW SUSPENDED CEILING AND LIGHTING SYSTEM CONSISTENT WITH REST OF RESTORATION SEEMS ONLY PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE.

- (7) ADEQUATE NEW FLOOR CARPETING HAS BEEN PROCURED AND

DELIVERED TO ANTWERP, SO WE PLAN TO INSTALL IT.

(8) IN SHORT, WE BELIEVE LOGICAL DEFINITION OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE SEVENTH FLOOR SHOULD BE SAME AS NINTH FLOOR EXCEPT DEMOLITION OF INTERIOR PARTITIONS WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED - BASICLY AN INTERIOR COMPLETE FIRE-SAFE RENOVATION.

(9) SPECIAL AREAS ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR PRESENT NO PROBLEM AND ARE BEING LOCALLY RESOLVED CONCURRENT WITH OTHER WORK.

(10) YOUR CONCURRENCE IN THE ABOVE BRIEFLY OUTLINED APPROACH IS REQUESTED.

B. SEVENTH FLOOR, SOUTH WING EXTENSION - DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED EXTENSION (77 MOSCOW 11731, 77 STATE 196753) OF THE SECURE CHANCERY AREA INTO THE SOUTH WING OF THE PRESENT STRUCTURE AT THE SEVENTH FLOOR LEVEL SHOULD BE TECHNICALLY SETTLED NOW. WE ALREADY ARE RELOCATING THE FBO OFFICE INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT AREA AND ARE RELOCATING OTHER OCCUPANTS. THE SAME CONSISTENT APPROACH AS OUTLINED ABOVE FOR SEVENTH FLOOR WITH WHICH THIS AREA WOULD BE INTEGRATED IS RECOMMENDED. ALL FIRE AND SECURITY FEATURES, PREVIOUSLY PLANNED, WOULD BE MET.

C. TENTH FLOOR - THE PROBLEM IS SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR THE SEVENTH FLOOR EXCEPT MUCH MORE WATER DAMAGE RELATED TO THE FIRE WAS INCURRED. CONSEQUENTLY, THIS WORK HAS BEEN SCHEDULED A BIT LATER IN ORDER TO DRY IT OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. OCCUPANTS HAVE BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE. SUPERVISOR RECOMMENDS SAME GENERAL CONSTRUCTION APPROACH AS DESCRIBED FOR THE SEVENTH FLOOR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FLOOR PLAN CHANGES INVOLVING RELOCATION OF THE RESTROOMS AND PHOTO LAB FACILITIES AS WELL AS REPOSITIONING OF THE VAULT AREA ENTRANCE DOOR. ALL CHANGES ARE RELATED TO IMPROVED FIRE AND SECURITY STANDARDS. THESE RELOCATIONS WERE DISCUSSED WITH AND AGREED TO BY FBO LAST FALL. CONCURRENCE IS REQUESTED.

3. GUIDANCE TO PROCEED - A/FBO CONCURRENCE AND INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUESTED IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE RESTORATION PROJECT.

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